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RESPONSE

In response to the examiner's action dated January 15, 1999, please amend the claims as follows.

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1. (Twice amended) An <u>apparatus</u> [instrument] for controlling [at least one] <u>a</u> chemical reaction, comprising:

a) an array of chambers [for containment of the reaction] including:

[at least one] a reaction chamber configured to contain a

chemical reaction [for preparing a sample for use in said reactions];

at least one reactant chamber configured to receive one or more

reactants [for adding or removing reagents involved in said reactions];

at least one channel interconnecting said reaction and reactant

chambers;

- b) a heater configured to heat reactants in the reaction chamber;
- [b)] c) a temperature controller coupled to the heater and configured to control the temperature of a reaction in the reaction chamber [of said reaction]; and
- [c)] <u>d)</u> a product analysis chamber coupled to <u>the reaction chamber</u> and adapted to <u>analyze reaction products contained in the product analysis chamber.</u>

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